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SUMMARY: PRC-JAPAN PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY TALKS RESUMED IN TOKYO JANUARY 16. VICE FONMIN TOGO PRESENTED GOJ'S VIEWS ON CONTENTS OF TREATY TO AMB. CHEN CHU, WHO AGREED TO REFER JAPANESE VIEWS TO PEKING AND PASS RESPONSE IN TOKYO. PRESS FOCUSSED ON COINCIDENCE OF RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH CHINESE AND MIYAZAWA'S TALKS IN MOSCOW. ALTHOUGH GOJ CONTENTS TREATIES ARE QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT (WITH CHINA, LOOKING AHEAD; WITH MOSCOW, RESOLVING ISSUES FROM WW II), JAPANESE, NEVERTHELESS, ARE PLEASED TO REMIND SOVIETS THAT RELATIONS WITH CHINA ARE MOVING AHEAD. END SUMMARY.

1. ACCORDING FONOFF PRESS BACKGROUNDEERS, VICE FONMIN TOGO
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AND PRC AMB. CHEN CHU CONDUCTED SECOND ROUND OF TALKS JAN.

16 IN TOKYO ON PRC-JAPAN PEACE/FRIENDSHIP TREATY. DURING HOUR-LONG SESSION, TOGO SPELLED OUT CONTENTS GOJ PROPOSED FOR TREATY, EMPHASIZING THAT TREATY SHOULD BE SUCCINCT STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES FOR LASTING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, BASED ON SAME PRINCIPLES EMBODIED IN PRC-JAPAN JOINT COMMUNIQUE. TOGO SAID TREATY SHOULD NOT REFER TO TERRITORIAL ISSUES, SPECIFICALLY TAIWAN. DURING PRESS BACK-GRINDER BY DIRGEN ASIAN AFFAIRS BUREAU TAKASHIMA, RELAYED TO US BY FRIENDLY JOURNALIST, TAKASHIMA SAID TOGO ASKED AMB. CHEN TO PASS PRC REACTION TO HIM IN TOKYO AND CHEN, WHO MADE NO PRESENTATION HIMSELF, AGREED. AFTER RECEIVING PEKING'S RESPONSE, FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS COULD BEGIN SOON, TAKASHIMA TOLD JOURNALISTS. (PROVIDING LATEST ESTIMATE OF LENGTH TREATY TALKS MAY TAKE, LEADER OF JAPANESE ECONOMIC MISSION CURRENTLY IN PEKING, ACCORDING TO ASAHI, QUOTED CHOU EN-LAI AS SAYING TREATY COULD BE CONCLUDED IN THREE MONTHS.)

2. TOKYO'S JOURNALISTS FOCUSSED ON FACT THAT JAPAN RESUMED TALKS WITH CHINESE ON SAME DAY FONMIN MIYAZAWA IN MOSCOW BEGAN EFFORT TO ENGAGE RUSSIANS IN FRUITFUL NEGOTIATIONS ON NORTHERN TERRITORIES AND A JAPAN-USSR PEACE TREATY. FONOFF, OF COURSE, HEATEDLY DENIED THERE ANY CONNECTION, MAINTAINING THAT TREATIES ARE QUALITATIVELY DIFFERENT.

3. COMMENT: TOGO-CHEN DISCUSSIONS MOVED PRC-JAPAN TREATY AHEAD ANOTHER NOTCH. DENIAL NOTWITHSTANDING, RESUMPTION OF TALKS WITH PEKING WHILE MIYAZAWA IN MOSCOW, IS TRANSPARENT PLOY DESIGNED TO REMIND SOVIETS THAT RELATIONS WITH PEKING MOVING FAVORABLY. JAPANESE ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT TALKS BEING CONDUCTED IN TOKYO IN COMPLIANCE WITH JAPANESE WISHES, WHILE SOVIETS SO FAR ARROGANTLY INSIST ON NEGOTIATING PEACE TREATY WITH JAPANESE ONLY IN MOSCOW, CAPITAL OF VICTORS IN WW II.

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